



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

Date Issued		Interpretation	09-005
Topic	Visual Notification Devices for R-1 Occupancy		
Code Section(s)	2007 CFC Section 9102.1, 3505.1		
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Occupant Type: R-1, Residential (Existing Structure)

Question(s):

- 1a. Are visual notification devices required in the bathrooms of apartment dwelling units?**

No, they are not required in apartment dwelling units.

- 1b. Are visual notification devices to notify hearing impaired occupants required in the bathrooms apartments designated as ADA accessible?**

No, however the capability to support visible notification appliances is required by 2007 CFC 907.10.1.4

- 1c. If no to both 1a and 1b above, then are they required if the apartment is provided with a Central Monitored Fire Alarm System?**

No, the requirements for visual notification devices are not driven by the requirements for a monitored fire alarm system.

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